

SILAS GRAY'S LAST HOPE

A CONVICT'S STORY WHICH MAY SAVE HIM FROM THE GALLOWS.

What Jack Pettys Told Two Prisoners Before he Hanged Himself—A Chance the Gray's Case May Have a Rehearing

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Silas Gray in jail at Greensburg, Westmoreland county under sentence of death. He was convicted of the murder of a woman, and the warrant has been signed, and was read to him Friday night. May 24 is the date fixed for his execution. Two weeks ago Hiram Bowmaster was dismissed from the Western Penitentiary. He was serving a term for drawing a check on a bank. He now resides in the woods near the life of Gray. Hiram went to his home, near Shippensburg, and there learned of the coming execution. A fellow prisoner in the penitentiary was Jack Pettys. Pettys confessed to Hiram that he was the murderer, and that he had written to Hiram to come to him when he returned home, and two or three days ago he sent a postal card to Gray's comely, ex-Adjt.-Gen. Yatta, that Gray was innocent. Another postal card was sent to a Hiram's father and a publisher. The newspapers in the vicinity will publish the story, and statements will depend a reopening of the case. The road from Greensburg to Shippensburg, South Mountain, several miles from Shippensburg.

There have been three men in prison here. He was a tall, thin, dark-skinned man, the log house of his brother Sam, who lives at the end of a wood road in the shadow of Seton Mountain. He is a broad-shouldered fellow, with a head of hair that is thinning to six feet tall. He has a manly face, somewhat thinned by a year's confinement. He said: "I was in here in 1977 and 1978. I was with two fellow prisoners in the Western Penitentiary Shop. We worked in the wire and linoleum shop, and our machines were next to each other. I was a very hard worker. By and by I got to be second assistant tender. I still wrote Jack's letters to his friends. The letters were sent by the prison mail for that purpose as a means of providing the

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The Rev. Mr. Crafts's Farewell.

The Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts is to retire at the end of this month as pastor of the Lee Avenue Congregational church, New Brunswick. Yesterday being the last Sunday of the month, Mr. Crafts said at the close of the morning sermon:

"There has been a gain in membership during the year and a half years of my pastorate of 170 persons, and of these 170 persons organized in Christian bands, 120 persons. I am glad to say that I have been welcomed into the church under the six and a half years of my pastorate by 170 persons."

The decrease in the attendance during the winter was 100 persons, but during the summer months of the last Sundays. As he was about to step from the platform he said: "I bid goodbye with love for many of you with unflinching loyalty and charity for all." Tuesday the Church Society will meet to vote on the report of the trustees as to the retirement of Mr. Crafts.

For the Salle d'Asile Francaise.

A concert and ball for the benefit of the St. Louis Asile Francaise, 18 South Fifth avenue, were given in Tannum Hall. This institution was founded by the union of French societies, for the purpose of taking care of the aged and infirm. It was the day while their parents are at work. Children find it difficult to learn a language other than their own. The Hall was crowded last night with many valiant, brave and noble. There was a ball, with many valiant, brave and noble. There was a ball, with many valiant, brave and noble. There was a ball, with many valiant, brave and noble.

Two rough-looking young men came over to greet me with a friendly wave of the hand. They both wore the traditional white tunic and trousers, and the white headscarf. They both had dark hair and were smiling. They both had a white tunic and trousers, and the white headscarf. They both had dark hair and were smiling. They both had a white tunic and trousers, and the white headscarf. They both had dark hair and were smiling.

Dr. Prateridge's Wife.

When he was first stricken down with the illness which he passed away from, he was in the middle of a very long journey. He was in the middle of a very long journey. He was in the middle of a very long journey. He was in the middle of a very long journey. He was in the middle of a very long journey.

A Southern Estate.

ANNALS March 23.—At this time, the weather was very warm. The weather was very warm. The weather was very warm. The weather was very warm. The weather was very warm.

The Signal Office Predictions.

Increasing cloudiness, with local rains and variable winds, mostly northerly, stationary higher temperature, generally low pressure.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Getting Sore of 256 Madison street reported to C. Mer Lewis yesterday that his 4 weeks old boy has died of Red Fever tonight.

Frank MacGilligan, a lodger at 162 West Third street committed suicide yesterday by putting the artery in his wrist with a razor.

In the "Lista de los pasajeros por el vapor Newport" which arrives from Cuba yesterday, appears the name of Victor Don Senador Charles H. Winfield of New Jersey.

The funeral of Lewis Fatman took place yesterday.

The choir of St. Patrick's Cathedral presented to the city of Billings a magnificent new organ installation mounted in gold, with the music of the first Mass of Father A. Solari, *Sanctus Hostia* engraved on it.

The organ was dedicated at the St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. They were attended with Father A. Solari, who is now traveling in the West.

The Salvation Army last night notified Sergeant Pike of the Forty-seventh street police that they had been notified by the Central Police that they had wanted protection. They will apply to the Mayor tomorrow for a permit to parade through the Twenty-second street and Broadway area. The Central Police yesterday but the police drove them off.

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